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Issue of Electric Hearing Aids and Accessories

1. The following directives, Office of the Chief Surgeon, are rescinded:

a. Administrative Memorandum No. 9, "Issue of Electric Hearing Aids", 19 February 1945.

b. Paragraph 1, Section II, Administrative Memorandum No. 17, "Amendment to and Rescission of Current Directives", 30 March 1945.

c. Paragraph 2, Section II, Administrative Memorandum No. 25, "Amendment to and Rescission of Current Directives", 28 April 1945.

2. During the last two years the issue of Electric Hearing Aids to Army personnel in this theater has made it possible for deafened soldiers to be sufficiently rehabilitated in many cases to remain on duty. The aids have been used by men on many types of duty but chiefly by those in the service troops. Issue will continue according to the policies herewith.

3. Aids should be issued to those whose hearing has become depressed in both ears to a level which interferes with duty. Unilateral deafness where the other ear is at a level of 12/15 or better does not require a hearing aid. They will not be issued unless both ears are depressed to where the total hearing interferes with duty.

4. A supply of Item 3N94550, Hearing Aid, Radionic Zenith, complete, Model A2A, will be stocked at the Weinheim Medical Depot, and may be obtained for issue only by the following authorized installations:

United Kingdom	- General Dispensary	- London
France	- 365th Station Hospital	- Paris
Germany	- 97th General Hospital	- Frankfurt.

5. Repair and Replacement Policy: Minor repairs to electric cords can be done by a qualified electrician in Signal Corps repair shops, but no attempt will be made in this theater to repair the amplifier unit containing the vacuum tubes. If this part becomes unserviceable the complete unit will be returned to an issuing hospital in exchange for a complete new instrument (Item No. 3N94550, Hearing Aid, Radionic, Zenith, Complete, Model, A2A). Unserviceable

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hearing aids will then be returned by issuing agencies to the Weinheim Medical Depot. Replacement of earphones, electric cords, ear tips, ear tubes, may be accomplished by requisitioning directly on the Weinheim Medical Depot. Replacement of batteries, both "A" $1\frac{1}{2}$ volt, Signal Corps Item #BA-231, and "B" 45 volt, Signal Corps Item #BA-234, may be accomplished by requisitioning on a Signal Corps depot, since that service is responsible for storage and issue of all batteries. Medical units originally issuing the aids will obtain extra "A" and "B" batteries from the Signal Corps for issue, as directed in Chief Surgeon's "Instructions to Otologists Issuing Zenith Radionic Hearing Aids", 13 November 1945.

6. Western Electric Hearing Aids which have already been issued, will be replaced with a Zenith Hearing Aid as they become unserviceable beyond the minor repairs which can be made at any of the authorized issue points. Battery replacements for Western Electric Hearing Aids will be requisitioned by the individual from the Signal Corps, quoting the make of battery, and its code number as indicated on the batteries at present in the instrument.

By order of the Theater Chief Surgeon:

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